

DIVORCE STATISTICS, 1957

South Australia

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1. Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1955 and annually 1952 to 1957.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1940	1945	1950	1955
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	311.4	616.2	777.0	838.8
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	-	1.4	1.0	0.8
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.2	0.4	4.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	311.6	618.0	782.4	844.0
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	258.2	504.8	651.0	601.6
Absolute	22.6	106.6	242.4	422.2	646.0	612.8
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	2.2	1.4	1.6	0.8
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.6	4.6
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS.</u>						
Writs	0.2	-	-	0.8	1.2	0.2
Orders	-	-	-	0.8	0.4	-

	Years					
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
<u>WRITS</u>						
Divorce	805	921	832	824	754	767
Judicial Separation	2	1	1	-	1	-
Nullity of Marriage	5	2	6	9	15	11
Total	812	924	839	833	770	778
<u>ORDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	596	634	654	516	613	482
Absolute	581	628	594	624	567	529
Judicial Separation	1	2	2	-	2	1
Nullity of Marriage	3	8	4	4	5	8
<u>RESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS</u>						
Writs	-	-	-	1	-	-
Orders	-	-	-	-	1	-

NOTE: Actions awaiting trial at end of year vary considerably, so that increases or decreases in writs are not reflected necessarily in the same years' orders.

2. Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

	1956			1957		
	Petition by -			Petition by -		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	140	68	208	121	69	190
Desertion	117	122	239	101	105	206
Habitual Cruelty	5	98	103	6	105	111
Insanity	-	-	-	2	-	3
Drunkenness	1	10	11	-	9	9
Failure to Maintain	-	3	3	-	2	2
Other	1	2	3	3	5	8
Total	264	303	567	233	296	529
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	1	-	1	3	2	5
Bigamy	-	2	2	-	2	2
Invalid Marriage	-	2	2	-	1	1

3. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue.

Duration of Marriage Years	I S S U E (Living Children under 16 years)								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1956									
0 - 4	36	22	4	36	12	6	-	-	62
5 - 9	81	56	51	13	2	-	-	-	203
10 - 14	38	35	38	14	3	2	-	-	130
15 - 19	19	25	25	7	6	3	-	-	85
20 - 24	17	13	12	1	1	1	-	-	45
25 - 29	12	6	2	1	-	-	-	-	21
30 - 34	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
35 - 39	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
40 - 44	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	222	159	132	36	12	6	-	-	567
1957									
0 - 4	38	18	2	1	-	-	-	-	59
5 - 9	66	56	42	10	3	2	-	-	179
10 - 14	32	30	31	19	12	-	1	-	125
15 - 19	14	23	18	15	5	3	-	1	79
20 - 24	15	8	12	7	-	-	-	-	42
25 - 29	15	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	23
30 - 34	11	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
35 - 39	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
40 - 44	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	197	146	106	53	20	5	1	1	529

4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce.

Age of Husband	Age of Wife								Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	Not Stated	
1956									
Under 25	10	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
25 - 29	29	67	4	1	-	-	-	-	101
30 - 34	8	55	48	14	2	3	-	-	130
35 - 39	1	13	40	37	5	1	-	-	97
40 - 44	-	1	9	32	28	9	-	-	79
45 - 49	-	2	2	9	30	19	5	-	67
50 & over	-	-	2	3	11	23	38	-	77
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Total	48	140	105	96	76	55	43	4	567
1957									
Under 25	8	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	10
25 - 29	23	38	8	-	-	-	1	-	70
30 - 34	14	49	61	7	4	3	-	-	138
35 - 39	-	11	38	32	11	1	-	-	93
40 - 44	-	5	18	29	25	9	-	-	86
45 - 49	-	4	1	8	29	20	4	-	66
50 & over	1	2	1	2	4	23	30	-	63
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total	46	110	127	78	73	57	35	3	529

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